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BASHIR, AUGUST 26, ALEXANDRIA

AMBASSADOR ANDERSON: AS IT HAS BEEN OUR CUSTOM ON THE LAST
TWO TRIPS, TAH SIN AND I WILL SHARE THE READOUT FOR YOU. LET
ME JUST START OUT BY SAYING THAT THIS EVENING THE
MEETING OF THE TWO GROUPS BEGAN AT 7:00 O'CLOCK AND THE
TWO GROUPS MET FOR FORTY-FIVE MINUTES. ON THE EGYPTIAN
SIDE, THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT MOBAREK, PRIME MINISTER
SALEM, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY
AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND WAR MINISTER GAMASI. AND ON
THE AMERICAN SIDE, WE HAD THE SECRETARY, AMBASSADOR EILTS,
UNDERSECRETARY SISCO, MR. WINSTON LORD WHO IS THE DIRECTOR
OF THE POLICY PLANNING STAFF AND HAROLD SAUNDERS, DEPUTY
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE NEAR EAST. FOLLOWING

THE FORTY-FIVE MINUTE MEETING, THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY, MET FROM 7:45 PM UNTIL 9:15 PM -- IN OTHER WORDS, AN HOUR AND A HALF. NOW, AS FOR TOMORROW, THE SECRETARY WILL BE MEETING IN THE MORNING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY AND THE TWO TEAMS AND THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A FURTHER MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT. THE SECRETARY'S CURRENT PLAN IS TO LEAVE HERE IN THE LATE AFTERNOON TO RETURN TO ISRAEL. TAHSIN.

AMBASSADOR BASHIR: WELL, ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE TALKS, DR. KISSINGER EXPLAINED THE IDEAS HE BROUGHT BACK, AND THEY

REVIEWED THE WHOLE SITUATION. THEY HAD GOOD AND PRODUCTIVE TALKS. HOWEVER, THERE ARE SOME POINTS THAT NEED MORE EFFORT TO BE TACKLED DOWN AND TOMORROW MORNING MORE EFFORT WILL BE EXERCIZED TO TRY TO HELP SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS. AFTER THAT, DR. KISSINGER WILL LEAVE FOR ISRAEL AND WE WILL KNOW THE RESULTS OF WHAT HE WILL TAKE WITH HIM WHEN WE HEAR FROM HIM THEN. HOWEVER, WHILE THE TALKS WERE VERY GOOD AND PRODUCTIVE, AS I SAID, THERE ARE STILL SOME POINTS THAT NEED FURTHER TALKS AND FURTHER FILLING OUT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Q. TAHSIN, YOU SAID THIS MORNING THERE ARE INDICATIONS OF MARKED PROGRESS. IS THIS STILL YOUR VIEW?

AMBASSADOR BASHIR: THERE WAS GOOD PROGRESS TODAY, BUT THERE ARE STILL SOME ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE RESOLVED.

1. (MANY QUESTIONS AT THE SAME TIME).

AMBASSADOR BASHIR: I CANNOT HEAR ALL THE QUESTIONS, YES?

Q. IS DR. KISSINGER COMING BACK?

AMBASSADOR BASHIR: HE WILL BE COMING BACK.

Q. (INAUDIBLE)...A SINGLE TEXT DR. KISSINGER HAS BROUGHT?

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AMBASSADOR ANDERSON: BUT JUST, JUST ON THE QUESTION OF THE SINGLE TEXT. IT IS TRUE THERE IS A SINGLE DRAFT THAT IS BEING WORKED ON BY BOTH SIDES AND ALL I WOULD LIKE TO SAY IS THAT THERE ARE POINTS IN THAT DRAFT, AS TAHSIN HAS INDICATED, THAT DO STILL HAVE TO BE AGREED UPON.

1. HAVE SOME CLAUSES BEEN ELIMINATED, THAT WERE SOURCES OF DISAGREEMENT?

AMBASSADOR BASHIR: SOME CLAUSES IN THE DRAFT NEED TO BE WORKED OUT TO BRING THEM TO A DRAFT THAT WE CAN ACCEPT.

AMBASSADOR ANDERSON: I THINK ON THAT, LARS, ON YOUR QUESTION TO BE MORE SPECIFIC, I THINK WE WILL HAVE A BETTER IDEA OF THIS TOMORROW AFTER THE FURTHER MEETINGS WITH THE EGYPTIAN SIDE.

Q. WERE THERE ANY NEW PROPOSALS THAT WERE MADE THAT THE EGYPTIANS FOUND UNACCEPTABLE?

AMBASSADOR BASHIR: WELL, THERE HAVE BEEN SOME ISSUES THAT ISRAEL PRESENTED THAT WERE NOT ACCEPTABLE IN THAT FORM AND WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO NARROW THE GAP. THE GAP HAS BEEN NARROWING. HOWEVER, SOME OF THESE PROBLEMS ARE NOT RESOLVED YET.

1. MR. BASHIR, DOES THE DRAFT REFER DIRECTLY TO ARTICLE 51 OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER?

AMBASSADOR BASHIR: I AM NOT GOING INTO THE CONTENT OF THE DRAFT.

Q. YOU ALSO SPOKE ABOUT A DEGREE OF OPTIMISM THIS MORNING. MR. BASHIR, IS THAT DEGREE OF OPTIMISM STILL STANDING NOW?

AMBASSADOR BASHIR: I AM STILL IN THE SAME MOOD. HOWEVER, THESE PROBLEMS NEED TO BE WORKED OUT. BUT MY MOOD HAS NOT DIMINISHED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Q. ARE YOU SENDING A REPRESENTATIVE TO SYRIA TO GIVE THEM AN ACCOUNT OF WHAT HAPPENED SO FAR?
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AMBASSADOR BASHIR: NO, BUT WE KEEP IN CONTACT WITH SYRIA ALL THE TIME. WE DID THAT. THERE IS NOTHING PLANNED NOW.
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